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Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The chief executive officer
2 of each municipality receiving funding from the state pursuant to the
3 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136, as
4 amended from time to time, the Coronavirus Response and Relief
5 Supplemental Appropriations Act, P.L. 116-260, as amended from time
6 to time, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, as amended from time
7 to time, or future federal funds related to COVID-19 relief shall submit
8 a report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management on or
9 before July 1, 2022, and quarterly thereafter. Such report shall include,
10 but need not be limited to, a full accounting of the municipality's
11 expenditure of such funds. On the same date each such report is
12 submitted to said secretary, the chief executive officer shall ensure that
13 the report is posted on the municipality's Internet web site. Such report
14 shall be easily accessible to the public for viewing.

15 (b) (1) The chief executive officer of any municipality that expends

16 more than one hundred thousand dollars of such funding, in the
17 aggregate, to any one person or entity shall submit a written request to
18 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for review of such
19 expenditure. The written request for review shall include, but need not
20 be limited to, the dates and amounts of payment to the person or entity,
21 a description of the product or service provided by such person or entity
22 and the purpose of each payment.

23 (2) Not later than fifteen days after receipt of such request, the
24 secretary shall determine whether the expenditure to the person or
25 entity is an appropriate use of said funds and notify the chief executive
26 officer of said secretary's determination. If the secretary determines that
27 the expenditure to the person or entity is not an appropriate use of such
28 funds, the municipality shall not make any additional expenditure of
29 such funds to the person or entity.

30 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than ninety days after the
31 effective date of this section, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
32 Management shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
33 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
34 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
35 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies concerning
36 expenditures by executive agencies of funds received by the state
37 pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act,
38 P.L. 116-136, as amended from time to time, the Coronavirus Response
39 and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, P.L. 116-260, as amended
40 from time to time, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, as
41 amended from time to time. Such report shall include, but not be limited
42 to (1) a full accounting of all expenditures, including (A) the date and
43 amount each payment was made, and (B) the person or entity to whom
44 each payment was made, and (2) a description of the anticipated
45 expenditure of remaining funds received pursuant to said acts.

46 (b) On the same date such report is submitted to said joint standing
47 committee, the secretary shall ensure that the report is posted on the

48 Office of Policy and Management's Internet web site. Such report shall
49 be easily accessible to the public for viewing.

50 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2022,
51 and quarterly thereafter, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
52 Management shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section
53 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the
54 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
55 transportation, environment, government administration,
56 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and finance, revenue
57 and bonding concerning federal funds received and expended pursuant
58 to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, P.L. 117-58, as amended
59 from time to time.

60 (b) (1) On the same date each such report is submitted to said
61 committees, the secretary shall ensure that the report is posted on the
62 Office of Policy and Management's Internet web site.

63 (2) The Commissioner of Transportation shall establish a separate
64 page on its Internet web site dedicated to the Department of
65 Transportation's use of funds received pursuant to the Infrastructure
66 Investment and Jobs Act, P.L. 117-58, as amended from time to time. On
67 the same date each report is submitted by the Secretary of the Office of
68 Policy and Management to the joint standing committees having
69 cognizance of matters relating to transportation, environment,
70 government administration, appropriations and the budgets of state
71 agencies and finance, revenue and bonding pursuant to subsection (a)
72 of this section, the commissioner shall post such report on the dedicated
73 page of the department's Internet web site. The department's Internet
74 web site page shall include: (A) The amount of funding received
75 pursuant to said act, (B) the amount of such funding that has been
76 expended, (C) a brief description of each project paid for with funding
77 received pursuant to said act, (D) the total anticipated cost of each
78 project, (E) the current amount of such funding expended for each
79 project, (F) the anticipated or known completion date for each project,

80 (G) the current status of the project and whether it is anticipated to be
81 completed (i) on time, earlier or later than originally planned, and (ii)
82 on budget, under budget or over budget, (H) if it is anticipated that the
83 project will be completed later than originally planned, the reason the
84 project is behind schedule, (I) if it is anticipated that the project will be
85 over budget, the reason the project is overbudget, and (J) the actions
86 taken to address any schedule delays.

87 (c) Not later than ten days after submission of each such report, said
88 joint standing committees shall hold a public hearing concerning the
89 report. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the
90 Commissioner of Transportation shall present to said joint standing
91 committees at the public hearing (1) a full accounting of all expenditures
92 of such funds, including (A) the date and amount each payment was
93 made, and (B) the person or entity to whom each payment was made,
94 and (2) a description of the anticipated expenditure of remaining funds
95 received pursuant to said act.

96 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
97 study the use of opioid litigation settlement funds to address addiction
98 and the overdose epidemic in impacted communities. The task force
99 shall examine the model law developed by the Office of National Drug
100 Control Policy concerning the safeguarding and use of opioid litigation
101 proceeds.

102 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

103 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

104 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

105 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
106 Representatives;

107 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

108 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of

109 Representatives;

110 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

111 (7) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
112 the commissioner's designee;

113 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor; and

114 (9) A person having expertise in opioid addiction prevention and
115 recovery, who shall be appointed by the Senate chair of the joint
116 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
117 matters relating to public health.

118 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
119 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
120 of the General Assembly.

121 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
122 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
123 be filled by the appointing authority.

124 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
125 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
126 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
127 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
128 days after the effective date of this section.

129 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
130 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
131 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies shall serve as
132 administrative staff of the task force.

133 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report
134 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
135 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
136 health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in

137 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
138 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
139 January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide transparency, oversight and accountability for the state's expenditure of certain federal funds and opioid litigation settlement funds.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]